

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED

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Michael N. Milby, Clerk of Court

IN RE: §
§
STAGE STORES, INC., § CASE NO. 0035078-H2-11
A Delaware Corporation, §
SPECIALTY RETAILERS, INC., § CASE NO. 0035079-H2-11
A Texas Corporation, and §
SPECIALTY RETAILERS, INC. (NV), § CASE NO. 0035080-H2-11
A Nevada Corporation, § Chapter 11
§ (Jointly consolidated under
Debtors and Debtors in Possession § Case No. 0035078-H2-11) ✓

**ORDER PURSUANT BANKRUPTCY RULE 3003(C)(3)
FIXING AN ADDITIONAL BAR DATE**

CAME ON FOR CONSIDERATION on this day the Motion of the Debtors Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3) to Fix an Additional Bar Date (the "Motion"). Upon due consideration of the Motion, the arguments of counsel, and the supporting documents, the Court finds that the Motion should be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that July 6, 2001 is fixed as the Additional Bar Date (as such term is defined in the Motion) by which proofs of claim must be filed by lessors to assert rejection damages under leases that were rejected pursuant to the following motions:

- Motion of Debtor's Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §365(a) Authorizing the Debtors to Reject Sixteen Unexpired Leases of Nonresidential Real Property;
- Motion of Debtor's Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §365(a) Authorizing the Debtors to Reject Forty-Six Unexpired Leases of Nonresidential Real Property;
- Expedited Motion for Orders (A) Approving Notice of Hearing Bid Procedures; (B) Authorizing the Debtors and/or Their Agent to Conduct a "Store Closing" or Similar Theme Sale; (C) Authorizing the Debtors to Enter Into an Agency

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Agreement Subject to Higher and Better Offers; (D) Approving Procedures for Rejection of Leases; and (E) Fixing the Manner and Extent of Notice.

• Motion of Debtors Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(a) for Approval of the Rejection of Two (2) Unexpired Leases of Non-residential Real Property.

• Motion of Debtors Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(a) for Approval of the Rejection of up to Fourteen (14) Unexpired Leases of Nonresidential Real Property as of September 20, 2000, if One of More such Leases are not Sold and Assumed and Assigned Pursuant to Court Order.

It is further

ORDERED, that July 6, 2001 is fixed as the Additional Bar Date by which proofs of claim must be filed by creditors whose claims are added to the amended schedules but were not included in the original schedules. It is further

ORDERED, that the form of Notice, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is approved.

DATED:

May 7, 2001

Wesley W. Steen
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL BAR DATE OF JULY 6, 2001
FOR FILING CERTAIN PROOFS OF CLAIM

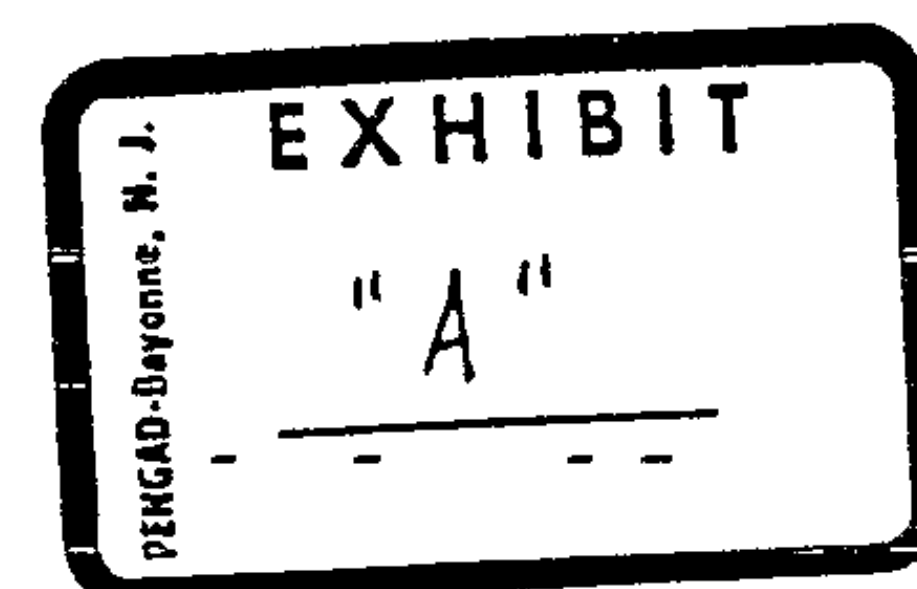
TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH THE CLAIMS DESCRIBED BELOW
AGAINST ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DEBTOR ENTITIES:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>CHAPTER 11 CASE NO.</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stage Stores, Inc. | Case No. 00-35078-H2-11 |
| Specialty Retailers, Inc. | Case No. 00-35079-H2-11 |
| Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV) | Case No. 00-35080-H2-11 |

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on May __, 2001, the Court entered an order (the "Additional Bar Date Order") establishing July 6, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (the "Bar Date"), as the last date and time for the filing of proofs of claim against Stage Stores, Inc., Specialty Retailers, Inc., and Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV) (collectively, "Stage" or the "Debtors") for certain claims. The Additional Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for the filing of proofs of claim apply to (1) lessors of lease or executory contracts rejected after October 9, 2000 and not subject to any other bar date or deadline for filing proofs of claim; and (2) creditors added pursuant to the Second Amendment of the Debtor's Schedules.

1. **WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM**

You **MUST** file a proof of claim by the Additional Bar Date if you have a lease rejection claim that arose after October 9, 2000, and you are not subject to any other bar date or deadline; or you are a creditor not receiving notice of debtor's bankruptcy filing and disagree with the amount of your claim as scheduled by the Debtors.



Under section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used herein, the word "claim" means: (a) right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

2. WHO SHOULD NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You should not file a proof of claim if:

- A. You have already filed, with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, a proof of claim against the Debtors utilizing a claim form which substantially conforms to the proof of claim form tailored for these cases or Official Form No. 10;
- B. Your claim is listed on the Debtors' Schedules¹ (as defined below), and is not described as "disputed", "contingent", or "unliquidated", and you do not dispute the amount or nature of your claim as set forth in the Debtors' Schedules;
- C. You have a claim under section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code as an administrative expense of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases; or
- D. Your claim has already been paid by the Debtors.

3. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

Except as provided for herein, proofs of claim must be filed so as to be **received on or before 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, on July 6, 2001**, at the following address:

Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
P.O. Box 61288
Houston, Texas 77208

Note that proofs of claim will be deemed timely filed only if actually received by the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Bar Date. **Proofs of claim may not be delivered by facsimile or telecopy.**

¹ The Debtors' Schedules were filed on July, 4, 2000; Amended Schedules were filed November 13, 2000; and Second Amended Schedules were filed May __, 2001 (collectively, the "Debtors' Schedules"). Copies of the Debtors' Schedules are available on the Debtors' web-site at www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com where they can be accessed and reviewed.

4. WHAT TO FILE

If you file a proof of claim, your filed proof of claim must (i) be written in the English language, (ii) be denominated in lawful currency of the United States as of October 9, 2000, and (iii) conform substantially with the proof of claim form tailored for these cases or Official Form No. 10.

YOU SHOULD ATTACH TO YOUR COMPLETED PROOF OF CLAIM FORM COPIES OF ANY WRITINGS UPON WHICH SUCH CLAIM IS BASED.

ANY CREDITOR AFFECTED BY THIS NOTICE WHO FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE JULY 6, 2001, FOR ANY CLAIM SUCH CREDITOR HOLDS OR WISHES TO ASSERT AGAINST THE DEBTORS WILL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM (OR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM) AGAINST THE DEBTORS AND THE DEBTORS AND THEIR PROPERTY WILL BE FOREVER DISCHARGED FROM ANY AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM, AND SUCH HOLDER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM, OR TO RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CLAIM.

A copy of the proof of claim form tailored for these cases is attached to this Notice and additionally can be accessed and downloaded on the Debtors' web-site at www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com.

5. THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO

Copies of the Debtors' Schedules and the Additional Bar Date Order may be accessed and reviewed on the Debtors' web-site at www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com and may be examined by interested parties between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, or during regular business hours at the offices of the attorneys for the Debtors listed at the end of this notice.

A CLAIMANT SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY OTHER INQUIRIES, SUCH AS WHETHER SUCH CLAIMANT SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

Dated: Houston, Texas
May __, 2001

United States Bankruptcy Judge

JENKENS & GILCHRIST,
a Professional Corporation

By: _____

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS
AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been served on the parties reflected on the attached Master Service List, the Second Amended Schedules, and the Rejected Landlord's Service List by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this the ____th day of May, 2001.

Mark C. Alfieri

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| United States Bankruptcy Court P.O.Box 61288, Houston TX 77208 | | SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (Houston Division) | | PROOF OF CLAIM | |
| Name of Debtors <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation Place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against | | Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11 | | | |
| Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): | | <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars. | | | |
| Name and address where notices should be sent: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court. | | | |
| Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: | | Check here <input type="checkbox"/> replaces if this claim <input type="checkbox"/> amends a previously filed claim, dated: _____ | | | |
| 1. Basis for Claim <input type="checkbox"/> Goods sold <input type="checkbox"/> Services performed <input type="checkbox"/> Money loaned <input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury/wrongful death <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#: _____ - _____ - _____ Unpaid compensation for services performed from _____ (date) to _____ (date) | | | |
| 2. Date debt was incurred: | | 3. If court judgment, date obtained: | | | |
| 4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ _____ If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges. | | | | | |
| 5. Secured Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff). Brief Description of Collateral: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate Value of Collateral: \$ _____ Amount of arrearage and other charges <u>at time case filed</u> included in secured claim, if any \$ _____ | | | 6. Unsecured Priority Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ _____ Specify the priority of the claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300)* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6) <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7) <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8) <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)-_____. <i>*Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.</i> | | |
| 7. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim. 8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary. 9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim. | | | | This Space Is for Court Use Only | |
| Date _____ Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any): _____ | | | | | |
| Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571 | | | | | |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In particular types of cases or circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases that are not filed voluntarily by a debtor, there may be exceptions to these general rules.

----- DEFINITIONS -----

Debtor

The person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case is called the debtor.

Creditor

A creditor is any person, corporation, or other entity to whom the debtor owed a debt to the date that the bankruptcy case was filed.

Proof of Claim

A form telling the bankruptcy court how much the debtor owed a creditor at the time the bankruptcy case was filed (the amount of the creditor's claim). This form must be filed with the clerk of the bankruptcy court where the bankruptcy case was filed.

Secured Claim

A claim is a secured claim to the extent that the creditor has a lien on property of the debtor (collateral) that gives the creditor the right to be paid from that property before creditors who do not have liens on the property.

Examples of liens are a mortgage on real estate and a security interest in a car, truck boat, television set, or other item of property. A lien may have been obtained through a court proceeding before the bankruptcy case began; in some states a court judgment is a lien. In addition, to the extent a creditor also owes money to the debtor (has a right of setoff), the creditor's claim may be a secured claim. (See also *Unsecured Claim*.)

Unsecured Claim

If a claim is not secured claim it is an unsecured claim. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured if the property on which a creditor has a lien is not worth enough to pay the creditor in full.

Unsecured Priority Claim

Certain types of unsecured claims are given priority, so they are to be paid in bankruptcy cases before most other unsecured claims (if there is sufficient money or property available to pay these claims). The most common types of priority claims are listed on the proof of claim form. Unsecured claims that are not specifically given priority status by the bankruptcy laws are classified as *Unsecured Nonpriority claims*.

Items to be completed in Proof of Claim form (if not already filled in)

Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number:

All of this information is near the top of the notice. Check the box next to the name of the Debtor against which you are filing this claim.

Information about Creditor:

Complete the section giving the name, address, and telephone number of the creditor to whom the debtor owes money or property, and the debtor's account number, if any. If anyone else has already filed a proof of claim relating to this debt, if you never received notices from the bankruptcy court about this case, if your address differs from that to which the court sent notice, or if this proof of claim replaces or changes a proof of claim that was already filed, check the appropriate box on the form.

1. Basis for Claim:

Check the type of debt for which the proof of claim is being filed. If the type of debt is not listed, check "Other" and briefly describe the type of debt. If you were an employee of the debtor, fill in your social security number and the dates of work for which you were not paid.

2. Date Debt Incurred:

Fill in the date when the debt first was owed by the debtor.

3. Court Judgments:

If you have a court judgment for this debt, state the date the court entered the judgment.

4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:

Fill in the total amount of the entire claim. If interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim are included, check the appropriate place on the form and attach an itemization of the interest and charges.

5. Secured Claim:

Check the appropriate place if the claim is a secured claim. You must state the type of value of property that is collateral for the claim, attach copies of the documentation of your lien, and state the amount past due on the claim as of the date the bankruptcy case was filed. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured. (See DEFINITIONS, above)

6. Unsecured Priority Claim:

Check the appropriate place if you have an unsecured priority claim, and state the amount entitled to priority. (See DEFINITIONS, above). A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority if, for example, the claim is for more than the amount given priority by the law. Check the appropriate place to specify the type of priority claim.

7. Credits:

By signing this proof of claim, you are stating under oath that in calculating the amount of your claim you have given the debtor credit for all payments received from the debtor.

8. Supporting Documents:

You must attach to this proof of claim form copies of documents that show the debtor owes the debt claimed or, if the documents are too lengthy, a summary of those documents. If documents are not available, you must attach an explanation of why they are not available.

9. Filing Claim:

You must file your claim by mailing it to: Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
P.O. Box 61288
Houston, TX 77208.

10. Date Stamped Copy:

To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a Self-addressed, stamped envelope, and a copy of your Proof of Claim